

Town of Vershire Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Vershire Town Center. There will be a remote option for this meeting via Zoom or by phone. Video: <https://youtu.be/mqflWnRGQEE>

Attendance: V. Stone, N. White-Fogarty-Chair, A. Record, E. Zue, H. Wilson, G. Wilson, L. Horster, A. Cunha-Admin Assistant

Call to Order: N. White-Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Agenda Review & Modifications: None at this time.

Public & Staff Comments: None at this time

Selectboard - Town of Vershire Town Plan 2025

A. Record would like to understand if there is a plan for another cell phone tower. She reports that there have been problems with pagers in certain parts of Town. According to the Town Plan, at the time of this writing, Vershire is developing both an Energy Plan and a Guideline for the Siting of Telecommunication Facilities. With proper regulation, the use of ridges for telecommunication towers and related facilities can be minimized, and when done, undertaken in a manner that does not detract or adversely affect these scenic values. Protection of these areas from insensitive development is a matter of public good.

We have 22 landing zones for Dartmouth for heliports. Dartmouth just needs the coordinates.

N. White-Fogarty commented that she would like the Table of Contents and the spacing to have a better flow and consistency.

N. White-Fogarty would like the Orr House to be replaced with a picture of the Town Center Building

N. White-Fogarty asked if the Census data is current from the State. H. Wilson commented that it cannot be updated yet. Population has fallen, but that could be because W. Fairlee was added in one year by accident. So the totals may not have been accurate that year.

Discussion of how many dirt roads the town of Vershire has. There are 51 Miles of dirt road, mostly class 3 which are Town maintained and 19 miles of class 4 that are not maintained. L. Horister commented that the snowmobile/ATV clubs have done a great job maintaining the class 4 roads. G. Wilson noted that non-motor bicycles do take advantage of these roads. Taylor Valley and McIver are frequently travelled areas.

Discussion of the Village Center Area in reference to abandoned properties and cars. There is a recommendation that the Selectboard develop an ordinance to classify abandoned or destroyed properties and how to deal with them. There is no ordinance at this time, but these ordinances would need to be added. N. White-Fogarty suggested that we will need to establish a committee or a person who will follow-up on the ordinances. This would require regular check in's for building permits, abandoned vehicles and trash. The health officer handles some as well as Aaron Hoops. Aaron Hoops checks in with the Planning Commission once a month to provide updates. Frank Erickson is the contact at the State and he may be able to provide more information to the Planning Commission.

Recommendations: The SelectBoard would like the Planning Commission to work on the Bi-Laws/Ordinances. They will look into bringing in an expert to help implement.

G. Wilson would like to put in pictures and the story of the Town of Vershire.

Discussion about the Ely Copper Mines. It was stated that the Historical Society is involved in the process and that artifacts will be preserved. L. Horister works for the Mountain School and expressed that the new history teacher wants to connect with students and help them understand the history of Vershire. The Historical Society has been in touch with the school.

The Planning Commission and Selectboard will need to edit the Town Plan but that requires Adobe Acrobat. A. Cunha will coordinate to get the Town Plan edited. Two Rivers can be a resource if needed.

Next town meeting the Town Plan will go before the Town for approval.

Adjourn: N. White-Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. A. Record seconded. The motion passed unanimously.